Extension of Railway Services unto Kumarghat

219. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHAS-mi: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for going to Kutnarghat Railways are forcing the rail passengers to have shiftings at Gu-wahati, Lumding and again at Guwahati;

(b) whether Government have received complaints of incovenience from public; jf so, what action has been taken thereon; and

,

(c) whether there is any proposal to introduce train services from Calcutta to Lumding for the convenience of the people of Tripura as Lumding is con nected with Kumarghat by Tripura Ex press? i

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS 1SHRI C. K. IAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) and (b). Yes Sir, with the conversion °f Guwahati-Lumding section into Broad Gauge passengers travelling upto Lumding now do not have to break journey at Guwahati. However, those travelling to Kumarghat have to change at Lumding instead of at Guwahati before conversion.

(c) At present there is no such propo* sal.

Imposing moratorium on Recruitment

220. SHRI JIBON ROY.

SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to impose moratorium with immediate effect on further recruitment of all categories of employees from this year; and

(b) if so, whether Government would give assurance that by such a decision efficiency of the Railways will not be affected ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWA[1] (SHRI C. K. IAFFER SHARIEF

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Flagging of! of miniature stei ilocomofiye

221. SHRI K. M. KHAN; Will Minister of RAILWAYS be plea: to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some : year old miniature steam locomotive . been nagged off on its maiden run Rail Transport Museum at Ne_w D« during November, 1994;

(b) if so, the details thereof with c racteristics of this unique locomotive

tc) whether running of this locomol for eight hours continuously will n some expenses;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether running display of locomotive is available at all R.T.J of country;

(f) if so, the names of such R.T. with timings of display at each;

(g) whether Government propose make sale of these locomotives to pe on demand; and

(h) if so, the tentative cost prop to be fixed and if not, the rea therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILW (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARH

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This 1.9 meters (6') long m ture mode of WORSDSLL 'M' 4-4-0 locomotive which was k^pt as an exl in the Rail Transport Museum ha_s